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International patent classification (IPC)
G02B 27/01 (2006.01)

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed
 a translation of the international application into English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
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 international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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 the claims:
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 pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The claimed invention relates to a device and a system for displaying information in a vehicle. A relatively long optical path can be obtained by reflecting the image of an image creation unit in a reflecting surface that is located behind or beside the driver's head. The end section of the optical path extends between said reflection surface and a viewing surface. Further, the viewing surface is positioned directly above the field of vision that is actively used by the driver.

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: WO 9408264 A1	D4: WO 9100674 A1
D2: FR 2844061 A1	D5: US 5469298 A
D3: DE 10227467 A1	

Documents D1-D3 have been reconsidered to define the general state of the art. Documents D4 and D5 also define the general state of the art.

Document D1 discloses an overhead head-up display device system that has an image display source (16, 16a in the figures) located above the operator of the vehicle. The images from the display source are directed to an optical combiner (14), which seems to be located above the driver's field of vision. The focal length between the image display source and the combiner is adjustable in order to display the virtual image at different locations in front of the windshield (page 4, lines 34-37), i.e. the display source could be positioned behind the driver's head.

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Document D2 discloses a head-up display where several mirrors are used in order to provide a sufficient optical path (figure 2).

Document D3 discloses a head-up display where the image is projected onto a holographic beam combiner. The user views a virtual image of this combiner on a mirror arranged in front of the user.

Document D1 is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art. The subject-matter of claims 1 and 7 differs from D1 in that the device and the system comprises two reflecting surfaces, one of which is located in the windshield and the other behind the driver.

The subject-matter of claims 1 and 7 is therefore novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as how to provide a less expensive solution than the optical combiner, but still provide a good image in the windshield.

By using a reflecting surface behind or besides the driver, the real image can be larger, as the display unit can be placed away from the immediate optical path between the first and second reflecting surfaces.

None of the cited documents disclose a head-up display having two reflecting surfaces, one of which is located in the windshield and the other behind the driver. Therefore, the invention according to claims 1 and 7 is considered to involve an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).

The remaining claims are dependent on claims 1 and 7, and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

The invention is industrially applicable.